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For: Method and Device for Controlling the
Movement of a Teeming Ladle...

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Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed 21 May 2001 (petitions for appropriate extensions of time have been filed under separated cover), please enter the following amendment:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 10, 11, 13, 17 and 19 as follows:

10. (Amended) A method of controlling the pivoting movement of a teeming ladle about a theoretical fulcrum relative to a teeming funnel of a mold of a substantially linear array thereof and provided in a first teeming machine adapted to be moved in a first direction parallel to the array, the ladle comprising at one side thereof a protruding spout provided with a teeming channel of